

REMARKS

All outstanding requirements will now be addressed in the order they appear in the Office Action mailed July 22, 2010.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 29, 30, 35, 39-41, 43-47, 51, 52, and 58-61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Bigelow (4327529) in view of Bolt (3103709). Claims 31, 32, 36-38, 42, 48, 49, 54, and 55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Bigelow in view of Bolt as applied in claims 29 and 43, respectively, and further in view of Gregory (4501098). In addition, claim 53 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Bigelow in view of Bolt as applied to claim 44, and further in view of Smith (3462891).

Applicant respectfully denies that the rejected claims are unpatentable and re-alleges arguments presented in the previous reply filed on April 27, 2010. However, in order to advance prosecution of claims that are deemed allowable by the Examiner, Applicant has canceled herewith without prejudice all of the rejected claims. The 35 USC § 103 rejections are now moot.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute in continuing applications subject matter similar or identical in scope to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 57 stands allowed. Claims 50 and 56 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so rewritten claims 50 and 56. Applicant requests issuance of letters patent for claims 50, 56, and 57.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission only be charged to **Deposit Account No. 503182** to the extent that the fees were not already submitted through EFS-Web.

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